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Hongkong, April 11, 1908.

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Hongkong, April 9, 1908.

HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

NOTICE.

THE HALF-YEARLY MEETING of
the above Club will be held on
SATURDAY, the 25th April instant, at
12.30 p.m., at the Office of the Jockey
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By Order,

T. F. HOUGH,

Secretary of the Club.

Hongkong, April 10, 1908.

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Hongkong, February 18, 1908.

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HONGKONG CLUB.

NOTICE.

THE TWENTY-SECOND YEARLY

GENERAL MEETING of the Mem-

bers of the Hongkong Club will be held in the

Club House on WEDNESDAY, the

22nd April, 1908, at 5.15 p.m.

By Order,

O. H. GRACE,

Secretary.

Hongkong, April 9, 1908.

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AN EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL

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Hongkong Club will be held in the Club

House on WEDNESDAY, the 22nd April,

1908, at 5.30 p.m. for the purpose set forth

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Hongkong, April 9, 1908.

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Hongkong, April 16, 1907.



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BIRTH.

FREEMAN.—On April 5, at Kiangnan Dock, Shanghai, to Mr and Mrs J. G. FREEMAN, a Son.

MARRIAGE.

C. RUCK-PRILLIPS.—On April 6, at H. B. M. Consulate General, Shanghai, between Sir F. P. Ruck-Prillips, K. C. M. G., and afterwards at Holy Trinity Cathedral, Shanghai, by the Rev. A. J. Walker, M. A., WARRINGTON H. CORNECK, to MARGARET (Daisy) PHILLIPS.

DEATHS.

DEATH.—On Sunday, April 5, at 315 Abbeydale Road, Sheffield, in his 80th year, and fortified by the last rites of the Church, FRANCIS DEALY, of Cook Bridge, County Wicklow, Ireland. R.I.P. (By Cable). Australian and American papers please copy.

DUFF.—On April 8, at the General Hospital, Shanghai, J. DUFF, Engineer, China Merchants S. N. Co., aged 44 years, a native of Glasgow, Scotland. R.I.P. (By Cable). Organist at Holy Trinity Cathedral, Shanghai, aged 42 years.

MEMOS FOR TO-MORROW.

Auction.

TUESDAY, April 14.—Auction of Household Furniture, &c., at 'Laubrock', 2, Conduit Road.

Miscellaneous.

Goods per York undelivered after this date subject to rent.

General Memoranda.

WEDNESDAY, April 15.—3 p.m.—Auction of Motor Launch Marguerite, at Ah King's Slipway.

5.30 p.m.—Handel's Messiah, in St. John's Cathedral.

FRIDAY, April 17.—Exchange Banks Closed. Insurance Offices Closed.

SATURDAY, April 18.—Transfer Books of Green Island Cement Co., Ltd., close from this date to 25th April, inclusive.

WEDNESDAY, April 22.—5.15 p.m.—Meetings of Hongkong Club at Club House.

THURSDAY, April 23.—Noon—Meeting of Union Insurance Society, Canton, Ltd., at Head Office.

12.30 p.m.—Meeting of China Traders' Insurance Co., Ltd., at Head Office.

SATURDAY, April 25.—11 a.m.—Meeting of Green Island Cement Co., Ltd., at Messrs Shewan, Tomes & Co.'s Office.

12.30 p.m.—Meeting of Hongkong Jockey Club, at the Hongkong Club Annex.

SATURDAY, May 30.—Non-Feudis will be received at the Office of Colonial Secretary.

NOTICE.

Letters relating to business should be addressed to THE MANAGER.

Communications relating to news should be addressed to THE EDITOR.

Correspondents must forward their names and addresses with any communications addressed to the Editor, not for publication but as evidence of good faith.

All letters for publication should be written on our side of the paper only.

No anonymously signed communications that have already appeared in other papers will be inserted.

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The China Mail.

HONGKONG, MONDAY, APRIL 13, 1908.

HOME POLITICS.

POSSIBLY, even probably, there will be no immediate visible result of the great change that will come over the Liberal Party now that Mr Asquith has replaced Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman.

The late Prime Minister was much more personally popular than Mr Asquith is ever likely to be. He had in some degree the personal magnetism which stands for so much in politics. Although he was a confirmed Little Englander and anti-imperialist even the Unionist papers are wont to speak of him without bitterness.

In regard to Mr Asquith it is different. It is the mind not the manner which has won him his present high position.

Judging by the admissions of those who are politically opposed to him he has a wonderful intellect and no man could be mentally better equipped for the difficult task before him than Mr Asquith. But, as has often been pointed out by close observers of matters political, personality counts for much more than the ordinary person would suppose. In certain crises everything may depend upon a party's loyalty, not political but personal. And there is a strong possibility of a

crisis arising in the immediate future.

Parliament is occupying itself with measures which may at any time cause complications. The Licensing Bill in itself will be a very severe trial of Mr Asquith's qualifications for leadership.

Theoretically everyone is in favour of legislation which makes for temperance. But amongst British people there is, fortunately, a healthy sentiment of fair play which deprecates any legislative interference with established rights. While many believe that the world would be a much better place if liquor were entirely abolished those whose zeal has not destroyed their judgment realise the impossibility of such a reform ever being accomplished.

The liquor traffic has been recognised by the law for so long that any legislation designed to increase the sobriety of the country must deal tenderly with the interests which have grown up beneath the protection of the law. The Licensing Bill now before the House of Commons is thought by many to be a measure of pure spoliation.

It is claimed that if it were to be passed into law in the shape in which it was introduced it would bring distress, if not ruin, to tens of thousands who have invested their money in breweries or allied industries. Of course it is not at all likely that the Government will try to force the measure through without amendment. The last bye-election was fought on the direct liquor question and the Government candidate was very handsomely beaten. Probably the Bill will be shorn of its more offensive features with the concurrence of Ministers. There are a number of other matters which will test Mr Asquith's powers to the utmost. But it may be that he will be able to keep the party together in spite of the many obstacles which confront him. Although Mr Asquith is of a political faith which we cannot follow we find ourselves able to wish him the best of fortune in his venture. After all he is an Imperialist and that cloaks many minor faults.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

A meeting of the Sanitary Board will be held to-morrow.

Osaka proposes to tax motor-cars at the rate of \$110 per vehicle per annum.

The port of Omuta, Kyushu, Japan, was opened to foreign trade on April 1.

According to the 'Hocho Shinbun' the Japanese influx to Korea amounts to 300 daily.

From Wednesday, 15th instant, Reville will sound at 6 a.m., and Retreat at 6.40 p.m.

A boatman and boatwoman were fined \$10 respectively, for carrying passengers, in excess of their number, at the Marine Court to-day.

The Officer Commanding Troops will inspect the 105th Mahratta Light Infantry at 9 a.m. to-morrow on Whitfield Barracks' Parade Ground.

A dispatch from Tientsin states that the British troops, who have been stationed at Tientsin since the Boxer Rising, have been withdrawn.

A grant fissure in the earth, 240 feet long by 180 feet wide, has made its appearance in the forest land of Kogi Maru, Tochigi Prefecture, Japan.

The recent severe earthquake in Chiapas, Mexico, was felt in the Tokyo University seismometer at 54 seconds past 8.15 a.m. on March 27th.

No confirmation of the raid by Japanese on the native staff of the American Consulate at Moken is obtainable in Tokyo.

For using grading junk as a passenger boat Lok Shui Tak appeared at the Marine Court to-day. The case was adjourned.

A telegram from Peking to our Chinese edition states Mr Tang, Editor of the 'Ching Wah Pao,' has been sentenced to a term of imprisonment in a libel case.

Captain G. T. Briceley, D. S. O., R.G.A., will take over command of No. 1 Section of the Defence from to-morrow 14th instant, vice Major L. H. Parry, R.G.A., proceeding on leave of absence.

It is reported from Hankow that the Hsiang River, in Hunan province, has recently overflowed its banks, and that the floods have swept away the crops and wrecked hundreds of junks, causing great distress and loss of life.

Three boatwomen were fined \$2 each at the Marine Court this morning before the Hon. Commander Basil Taylor, R.N., for unlawfully failing to carry two persons whilst carrying passengers in their boats on April 10.

A Changchun telegram says that the survey of the Kirin-Changchun railway has been finished, and the Japanese and Chinese commissioners are making their respective estimates for the construction of the line, which will be started in July next.

A large collection of wild animals, to the value of Tls. 170,000, bought by the Chinese Government for the Peking Park, will shortly arrive in Shanghai from Germany. A number of deputies will be sent to Shanghai to transmit the collection to Peking.

An inquiry was held at the Harbour Office this morning, respecting a charge brought against Fok Tsien, the master of the licensed steam launch King Edward, for negligence in the performance of his duty, about 3 p.m. on April 9, while in the waters of the Colony. Defendant pleaded illness and was cautioned to be more careful.

The rate of wages of hands in the Yokosuka Naval Arsenal, hitherto 60 sen per head on an average, has been raised to 65 sen, but about 1,000 men will be discharged from April 1st reports a Yokohama contemporary. As a disturbance is inevitable in the event of their being simultaneously dismissed, about ten men will probably be removed daily.

Our Canton letter of 12th says a despatch from Whiohoo city states that on the night of the 6th instant a gang of robbers numbering some eighty strong made an attack on the Yuen Tong village; two villagers were killed; one small boy was carried away and a large quantity of articles were looted. The local authorities are powerless.

The consular service in the Orient must be improved. Higher salaries must be paid the representatives of the United States in China, Japan and adjacent countries and more consulates must be established. This was a statement made by Secretary of War Taft in a speech at Chicago on April 6. He said that if America was to get her legitimate share of Oriental trade she must reach out for it through the consular service.

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The recent severe earthquake in Chiapas, Mexico, was felt in the Tokyo University seismometer at 54 seconds past 8.15 a.m. on March 27th.

No confirmation of the raid by Japanese on the native staff of the American Consulate at Moken is obtainable in Tokyo.

For using grading junk as a passenger boat Lok Shui Tak appeared at the Marine Court to-day. The case was adjourned.

A telegram from Peking to our Chinese edition states Mr Tang, Editor of the 'Ching Wah Pao,' has been sentenced to a term of imprisonment in a libel case.

Captain G. T. Briceley, D. S. O., R.G.A., will take over command of No. 1 Section of the Defence from to-morrow 14th instant, vice Major L. H. Parry, R.G.A., proceeding on leave of absence.

It is reported from Hankow that the Hsiang River, in Hunan province, has recently overflowed its banks, and that the floods have swept away the crops and wrecked hundreds of junks, causing great distress and loss of life.

Three boatwomen were fined \$2 each at the Marine Court this morning before the Hon. Commander Basil Taylor, R.N., for unlawfully failing to carry two persons whilst carrying passengers in their boats on April 10.

A Changchun telegram says that the survey of the Kirin-Changchun railway has been finished, and the Japanese and Chinese commissioners are making their respective estimates for the construction of the line, which will be started in July next.

A large collection of wild animals, to the value of Tls. 170,000, bought by the Chinese Government for the Peking Park, will shortly arrive in Shanghai from Germany. A number of deputies will be sent to Shanghai to transmit the collection to Peking.

An inquiry was held at the Harbour Office this morning, respecting a charge brought against Fok Tsien, the master of the licensed steam launch King Edward, for negligence in the performance of his duty, about 3 p.m. on April 9, while in the waters of the Colony. Defendant pleaded illness and was cautioned to be more careful.

The rate of wages of hands in the Yokosuka Naval Arsenal, hitherto 60 sen per head on an average, has been raised to 65 sen, but about 1,000 men will be discharged from April 1st reports a Yokohama contemporary. As a disturbance is inevitable in the event of their being simultaneously dismissed, about ten men will probably be removed daily.

Our Canton letter of 12th says a despatch from Whiohoo city states that on the night of the 6th instant a gang of robbers numbering some eighty strong made an attack on the Yuen Tong village; two villagers were killed; one small boy was carried away and a large quantity of articles were looted. The local authorities are powerless.

The consular service in the Orient must be improved. Higher salaries must be paid the representatives of the United States in China, Japan and adjacent countries and more consulates must be established. This was a statement made by Secretary of War Taft in a speech at Chicago on April 6. He said that if America was to get her legitimate share of Oriental trade she must reach out for it through the consular service.

CHRONIC DIARRHOEA CURED.

SOME physicians claimed that chronic diarrhoea cannot be cured. Don't you believe it. There are incurable cases, but none so bad that they cannot be helped by Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy, and even temporary relief means much to one so sore afflicted. For sale by all chemists and storekeepers.

NEURALGIA AND SCIATICA CURED.

THE great pain relieving power of Chamberlain's Pain Balm has been the surprise and delight of many sufferers from neuralgia and sciatica. The excruciating pains characteristic of these diseases are quickly allayed by this liniment. For sale by all chemists and storekeepers.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

A telegram from Seoul to the Tokyo 'Jiji' states that the insurgents have planned to assassinate Prince Ito.

Mr F. D. Cheshire, the U.S. travelling Consul-General returned from a trip to Australia to-day on the Yawita Maru.

The suggestion is made in Japan that the Chinese Government should pay compensation to the family of the late Captain of the Tatsui Maru II.

The Japanese Sighlon Boundary Commission met the Russian Commission at Vladivostok on April 4 and the exchange of all documents was effected.

A couple was sentenced to one month's imprisonment with hard labour by Mr Kemp at the Magistracy this afternoon, for being a member of the Thid society.

There were 344 European and 125 Chinese visitors to the City Hall Library, and 141 European and 230 Chinese visitors to the Museum during the week ended the 12th April.

At a meeting of H. M. Justices held at the Magistracy this afternoon the transfer of the license of 'The Belle View Hotel' was granted to Mr Charles Ernest Clifford from Mr Thomas Bernard Maguire. The application by Kakuzo Uyetaki for an adjunct license of the 'Sei Foo Row' at 36 and 37 Connaught Road Central was adjourned.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

His Majesty the Emperor of Japan has been suffering from a cold since March 31.

Lord French, the representative of the British contractors for the Fukumen railway, is staying in Tokyo.

Count Wilhelm von Burnstorff, long a familiar figure in the foreign community at Kobe, died at Suma, Japan, on April 2.

The fourth of the series of Musical 'At Homes' given by Lady Lugard will take place at Government House to-night. The weather promises to be most auspicious.

The Consular Corps at Kobe recently entertained at a dinner Mr Matsunaka, Minister of Commerce, and Viscount Kaneko, Chief Director of the Grand Exhibition of 1912.

Mr Schley, the nephew of Admiral Schley, who is a resident of Baguio, Philippine Islands, was the occupant of a vehicle which was precipitated into a ravine. He had several ribs broken and had to be taken to hospital.

Mr Stevens, who was recently assassinated at San Francisco, left letters at Seoul for Prince Ito and Count Hayashi asking them, in the event of disaster overtaking him, to see to the welfare of his mother and sisters and to give them any presents which might be bestowed upon him after his death.

Major General Leonard Wood who sailed from here on the transport McClellan just before the Carnival began is now in Europe for the purpose of having an operation performed upon his skull. He and his wife and children, as also his aide, Captain Dorey, left the McClellan at Naples.

Manila paper.

VICTORIA CINEMATOGRAF.

Russian Dancing.

At the Victoria Cinematograph at the moment there is appearing a troupe of Russian dancers and singers. They are capable, and their performances are interesting since they

IMPERIAL CRICKET.

A TRIANGULAR CONTEST.

(Exclusive Service, supplied by Reuters, via Bombay.)

LONDON, April 11. The Marylebone Cricket Club has issued invitations to South Africa and Australia to participate in a triangular contest for cricket supremacy.

THE KAISER.

ARRIVES AT CORFU.

(Exclusive Service, supplied by Reuters, via Bombay.)

LONDON, April 11. Their Imperial Majesties the German Emperor and Empress have arrived at Corfu.

They were met and welcomed by the royal family of Greece.

CANADIAN EXCLUSION LAW.

(Exclusive Service, supplied by Reuters, via Bombay.)

LONDON, April 11. The Canadian House of Commons has passed the Bill providing for the exclusion of aliens who do not originate from the country of their origin.

CHINA AND STAM.

(Chinese Mail's Service.)

Peking, April 12. As the result of representations from High Commissioner Yang Shi Chi, who recently travelled through the Southern countries, a Chinese Minister will be appointed to Siam.

FIGHTING IN MOROCCO.

Attack by Moors.

LONDON, April 10. General D'Amade telegraphs that the Hadid's Mahalla attacked the French camp at Slat, at 3 a.m. on the 8th inst. and was repulsed with great loss. The district was afterwards cleared.

THE ANGLO-AMERICAN TREATY.

LONDON, April 10. The Anglo-American Arbitration Treaty contains a clause, by which the Imperial Government reserves the right, before concluding arbitration agreements affecting the self-governing colonies, to obtain the concurrence of the latter.

SIR HENRY CAMPBELL-BANNERMAN.

LONDON, April 10. Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman passed a restless night and is somewhat weaker.

INDIAN TELEGRAPH STRIKE.

LONDON, April 11. East India, China, and a section of the Liverpool Chamber of Commerce have wired Mr. Morley, urging the immediate restoration of cable communication in India to its normal condition, as business is at a standstill.

THE RUSSIAN LEGATION AT TOKYO.

LONDON, April 11. The Tsar has sanctioned the Bill for raising the Russian Legation at Tokyo to an Embassy.

HONGKONG CINEMATOGRAPE.

Under New Management.

An advertisement appearing in another portion of this issue announces a change of management at the Hongkong Cinematograph. Mr. Dietrich, who previously controlled the cinematograph at Weismann's rooms, is now proprietor of the Hongkong Cinematograph, and promises patrons the very latest in comic, dramatic and sensational moving pictures. The nightly exhibitions will be confined to moving pictures. The opening is to-morrow night under the new management, when new films will be exhibited.

GET A BOTTLE TO DAY.

COLIC, pains in the stomach, and diarrhoea are not only painful, but may indicate a serious disorder. Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy relieves promptly and cures permanently. For sale by all chemists and druggists.

THE BOYCOTT.

FEELINGS IN HONGKONG.

Mr. Ng Hon Chi, of the Yuen Fat Hong, which is one of the biggest Chinese firms in the Colony, when spoken to yesterday about the boycott, said: "We don't care what others do, but we don't want to deal with the Japanese, that's all. It is not our business to urge others to join the boycott. If they desire to take part, all right, if not, make up their minds. The same decision applies to all the guilds who have voluntarily joined in the movement."

Mr. Cheuk Chung of the Kwong Wing Sang, 182 Queen's Road, which firm does entirely in Japanese goods, when interviewed as to whether his business was likely to be affected by the boycott, said in a most melancholy manner that it was. "It can't be helped," said Mr. Cheuk. "It is most unfortunate that our line is exclusively confined to Japanese goods and public sentiment is now so strong that business is entirely at a standstill. We have nobody to blame for it. Mr. Cheuk was unwilling to speak any further. He seemed to be extremely dispirited and very much concerned about the situation."

The Tsui Chan, Stationers, in their orders to England and Germany yesterday have added the following: "These do not ship in Japanese bottoms and much obliged."

Speaking about the boycotting movement in the Colony Mr. Li Sam Chun, of the Po Hing Tin, said: "The present movement is a natural one. There is no agitation in Hongkong, but people of all classes seem to be their own initiators. As long as we go on as at present I don't think the Government here has any excuse to interfere. The freedom to deal in any particular articles rests with us, of course."

The Imperial Chinese Telegraph Administration has circulated that no telegrams relating to the boycott of Japanese goods will be accepted in future. The circular states that it is feared the Board of Post and Communications will interfere.

Information has reached here that at Sam Sui and Hohow, West River, great demonstrations were made by the natives in connection with the Tatsu Maru II case yesterday. The characters (國恥) "National Disgrace" were ungraved on various articles. Illuminations during the night consisted of lanterns bearing these two characters.

Another step has been taken by the gentle sex in Canton to support the boycotting movement. It may be remembered that last week a National Disgrace Association meeting was held by women entirely. There is another movement on foot and that is voluntary service in any undertaking to develop China's natural resources. A separate society has been formed which already has enlisted a great many members. The intention is to render possible initiation of enterprises for the manufacture of handkerchiefs, towels, etc., in place of those of Japan make which they have now boycotted. In many of the match manufacturing firms which have since been started women volunteers have given a hand to assist in the work.

There is a movement on foot among the Chinese at Canton and here to pay whatever indemnity Japan may ask for out of their own pocket in connection with the detention of the Tatsu Maru II. The Chinese it is stated desire to start a fund for this purpose and whoever pays a donation will receive in acknowledgment a silver or gold article bearing the engraved characters "National Disgrace" according to the amount he pays.

According to Japanese papers, the Chinese at Kobe are taking advantage of the boycott to obtain Japanese merchandise at very low rates on the ground that it is very difficult to export it to China at present.

NATIVE CONSTABLE ARRESTS SOLDIERS.

Two soldiers were having a walk along Queen's Road Central, yesterday when they entered a jeweller's shop on the pretext of purchasing a watch. Several linekeepers were shown to them and when they had selected a suitable one they promptly cleared out without paying for it.

An alarm was raised and a native policeman gave chase. The soldiers went in the direction of the "Land we Live In" hotel and the soldier patrons who were then in that public house, hearing the noise, rushed out to the rescue of the constables. They did not believe in Britishers being arrested by a Chinese constable and a determined resistance was put up. The crowd however, took the soldiers were driven to seek shelter under the cover of the "Land we Live In," when they were arrested. They are to be brought up at the Magistracy to-morrow morning.

THE EMPRESS DOWAGER.

Question of Retirement.

The statement that the Empress Dowager intends to retire, handing over to the Emperor full political power, is entirely unfounded. A dispatch from Peking states that not a single official, in the palace or elsewhere, has sufficient courage to make such a suggestion to her for fear of being dismissed from the public service. She was suspended for seven days for having published a report to the effect that the Empress Dowager would hand over the reins of Government to the Emperor on the 1st day of the 1st moon of the 34th year of H. M. Kuang Hsi (February 2, 1908).—N. Y. Daily News.

MANY a woman is rendered irritable, nervous and even by the frequent occurrence of a nasty headache. Stearns' Headache Cure is prompt and sure.

ARMS RUNNING.

Another Shipment on the Way.

(From Our Correspondent.)

CANTON, April 12. The Admiralty here has received information that another steamer with arms on board has left for China.

Woo Ching Yung, Captain of the Tan Pik, which was responsible for the capture of the Tatsu Maru II has been reappointed to command the cruiser, says a Canton despatch of yesterday's date.

CORRESPONDENCE.

FORMOSA SUGAR CO.

(To the Editor of the CHINA MAIL.)

Sir,—We have noticed that in your issue of the 3rd March, to which friends have directed our attention, that you had a paragraph relative to the formation in England of the "Formosa Sugar and Development Company Ltd." "to acquire the Sugar Mill and Factory, known as the Hing Hoi Sui Kuei, and all or any of the Assets and Liabilities of A. W. Bala, H. W. Arthur and H. Hastings (trading as Bala and Co.)."

As the statement is not quite correct, we shall be obliged if you will kindly afford us space to rectify same.

As a matter of fact the Company was formed to take over one of our factories (the one known as the Hing Hoi Sui Kuei) together with the assets and liabilities of and connected with that factory which is to be enlarged and improved. We have another factory at Hokke, which is retained by us and not included in the assets taken over by the Company, nor is our general Import and Export Company, nor Commission Agency business in any way affected, beyond that we are managers and selling agents of the "Formosa Sugar and Development Company Ltd." Thanking you in anticipation, Yours, etc., Bala and Co.

Anping, April 8.

ACTION FOR RECOVERY.

An interesting action came before Mr. H. H. J. Gompertz, Acting Puisne Judge, at the Supreme Court this morning, in Summary Jurisdiction, when Lo Leung Yau, otherwise Leung Tai Koo, sued Tsang Hong Yee, otherwise Tsang Hong Yee, for the recovery of \$1,000. Plaintiff is a widow and resides at 216 Des Vaux Road Central, and defendants are traders carrying on business at 237 Wing Lok Street.

The statement of claim was that on July 17, 1907, the plaintiff at Makassar, remitted to the defendants in Hongkong the sum of \$1,000 through the Nederlandsche Handelsmaatschappij Bank by bill of exchange No. 47. This bill of exchange was handed by the plaintiff to the defendants on their arrival in Hongkong, at the beginning of August, 1907, for collection on her behalf. The plaintiff collected the money and when approached for same they refused and neglected to pay the \$1,000 or any part thereof.

The defence stated that plaintiffs handed to defendants five drafts amounting in all to \$3,600 for collection. Defendants collected and obtained payment of the \$3,600 and at the request of plaintiff deposited it with the Kwong Cheung firm of 3, Jubilee Street, in the name of Leung Chung Sin Tin. The then manager handed to the plaintiff, in the presence of the defendant, three receipts, in the respective sums of \$2,000; \$1,400; and \$1,200 and also handed to the plaintiff a sum of \$100 in cash. In 1906 the Kwong Cheung firm went into bankruptcy when Mr. G. R. Hall Brutton was appointed Trustee for the estate and the plaintiff's agent Leung Chak Nam, proved for the defendants the sums of \$2,000; \$1,400 and \$1,200 in all amounting to \$4,600 and received dividends in respect thereof from the Trustee of the estate. The defendants say they merely acted as agents for, and on behalf of the plaintiffs and incurred no personal responsibility or liability. They also denied they are indebted to the plaintiffs in the sum of \$1,000 or any other sum whatever.

Mr. F. X. d'Almeida a Castro appeared for the plaintiffs, and Mr. E. J. Grist was for the defence.

Plaintiffs' counsel stated that his client paid in the draft of \$1,000 and asked defendants to collect it, as part of the money had been entrusted to her to pay a person at Canton. She subsequently put in the other drafts amounting to \$2,500 to be collected for her. Defendants said they could not split the transaction and he would like his Lordship's ruling on that point as, if it was so he would be non-suited.

Mr. Grist submitted that after the drafts were cashed and collected it was one transaction and plaintiffs must therefore claim \$3,600, and to bring it into that court they would have to waive the \$2,600. His Lordship said he would like to consider that point and the case was adjourned.

CHINESE STUDENTS AND FOREIGN DRES.

(From Our Correspondent.)

CANTON, April 12. The Board of Education and Board of War at Peking are unanimous in their opinions that military students should not dress in foreign clothes. It has been considered to be disrespectful for the students to dispense with the queue and adopt the foreign style in dress. The Bureau of Education here has been notified by Peking to exclude students of this type. The Bureau is further instructed to make no distinction in their treatment of students on matters whether they are the sons of high officials or of common people.

JUSTICES AT WORK.

Magistracy Facts and Figures.

In the current issue of the "Government Gazette" is given the annual report in connection with the Police Magistracy Courts for the year 1907, compiled by Mr. H. H. J. Gompertz.

The report shows that the Police Magistrates have dealt with no less than 19,710 offenders, male and female, during last year.

The abstract of cases under cognizance of the Courts shows that there were 998 cases for assault; 115 for malicious injury to property; 317 for gambling; 1,416 offences against property other than malicious injury or preda; 2,533 against the various Acts of the Colony; 47 offences against masters and servants and a huge total of 7,788 other offences.

Out of a total of 11,710 fines inflicted, 492 were for assault, etc.; 60 for malicious injury to property; 2,460 for gambling; 17 for offences against the various Acts of the Colony; 28 for offences against masters and servants; and a total of 8,824 for other offences.

Under the various Ordinances 13,414 cases were tried in 1907, the number of prisoners being 10,716.

During the ten years, from January 1, 1898 to December 31, 1907 inclusive, out of a total number of 131,689 cases 123,092 males and 8,477 females were convicted and 6,477 females were committed to prison; 1,566 females; committed for trial 1,038 males, 34 females; committed to prison 130 males, and 5 females; ordered to find security, 2,432 males, 341 females; non-appearance and absconded 3 males, 1 female. Two males escaped while 96 were punished for preferring false charges or giving false testimony, and 22 females. The number of cases against males which remained undecided are 1,810 and females 63. This makes a total number of 101,354 male defendants and 8,608 females.

CRIME STATISTICS.

Serious Offences Decrease.

The report of the Captain Superintendent of Police for the year 1907 is issued in the current "Government Gazette."

The total number of cases reported to the Police was 11,540 as against 11,444 in 1906, an increase of 96. Serious offences, however, decreased during the year. The estimated value of the property reported to be stolen during the year was \$141,353.98 and property recovered by the police and restored to owners was to the value of \$18,787.02. In regard to opium 2781 search warrants for prepared opium were executed by the police and excise officers of the Opium Farmer as compared with 3,128 in 1906. In 787 cases opium was found and 1,037 persons were arrested. It is interesting to note that of the 183 beggars sent to Canton during the year one was banished no less than six times.

Those who have suffered from the inability of the Sikh policemen to understand English will be pleased to remark that five Indians obtained certificates of competence in English. Seven Europeans and 61 Indians obtained certificates for age in Chinese.

In regard to the conduct of the force the report says: "The conduct of the European contingent has been on the whole good. The total number of reports against them was 56 as against 59 in 1906. There were 16 reports for being drunk or under the influence of drink as against 10 in 1906; 10 reports for neglect of duty (some as last year), 3 for disorderly conduct and 2 for neglect of duty. Nine of the 16 cases of drunkenness, and 16 of the 16 cases of neglect of duty, were committed by men who are no longer in the Force. One European Constable was convicted by the Police Magistrate for being drunk and incapable when on duty, one for assault and one for desertion. 90 men had no offences recorded against them. The conduct of the Indian contingent was fair. There were 465 reports, as against 448 for the preceding year. For drunkenness there were 61 as against 45, for neglect of duty 23 as against 33, for disorderly conduct 23 as against 46, for absence from duty 52 as against 53, for grossing and idling on duty 91 as against 107 and for sleeping on duty 49 as against 35. Anxiety to get away to Canada caused men to commit themselves in order to be released from their engagements. 211 men had no reports. Nine Indian Constables were convicted by the Police Magistrate, 5 for assault, 1 for indecent behaviour, 1 for being drunk and unfit for duty, 1 for disobeying orders and 1 for larceny. The behaviour of the Chinese contingent showed improvement. There were 1,129 in 1906. There were 1,044 for sleeping on duty as against 1,131 in 1906, for disorderly conduct as against 367, for neglect of duty as against 367, for being convicted by the Police Magistrate, for larceny and 1 for forgoing the signature of a European Sergeant and 8 Constables for the following offences: 3 for assault, 1 for giving false testimony, 3 for demanding money by menaces and 1 for larceny."

It is interesting to learn that the Royal Hongkong Yacht Club has obtained a new design for a smaller one-design class from the celebrated designer Mr. Arthur Payer, of Southampton, and next season should witness renewed activity and interest in yachting in this club.

THE NAVAL CONCERT.

The attendance at the Theatre Royal on Saturday night, when the naval concert in aid of the Sailors' and Soldiers' Home was held, was not quite so large as might have been expected, having in view the philanthropic object of the entertainment. The programme was a long one and towards the end many of the audience were forced to leave in order to catch trams and ferries home. The instrumental selections were a feature of the concert and the band of H.M.S. King Alfred, under the baton of Mr. A. V. Sparrow, did extremely well. A descriptive selection of national airs, Dvorak's "Humoreske," Brahms' "Hungarian Dance," Beethoven's "Moon of Prometheus," Fuchs' "Entry of the Gaidards," Wagner's "Lohengrin," and Partridge's "Concession Bells," were played during the evening by the orchestra and each selection merited the applause it gained. A piccolo solo by Musician Harris (La Thiers' "Silver Birds") was also greatly enjoyed, while there was an air of humour about the bassoon solo played by Musician Haydn. It is seldom, indeed, that one hears a bassoon solo, and the instrument is not one that can be said to charm by the elegance of its notes. Engineer Artificer W. Green was enthusiastically cheered for his singing of Blumenthal's "Evening Song," it being one of the best items of the evening. All those who contributed to the programme were well received and included Corporal Smith (H. M. S. Kent), C. S. B. S. Cremer (H. M. S. King Alfred), Engineer Artificer H. B. Hartley (H. M. S. Kent), Lance Corporal W. Davis (H. M. S. Merlin), Able Seaman Niles (H. M. S. Kent), Leading Stoker Hamilton (H. M. S. Alacrity) E. R. A. Coker (H. M. S. Bedford) and Mr. W. H. Emberley. The entertainment concluded with a farcical sketch, entitled "Aunt Matilda's visit."

SPORTING.

Yachting.

ROYAL HONGKONG YACHT CLUB CLOSING CRUISE.

The Royal Hongkong Yacht Club brought the season's racing to a close on Saturday with a Ladies' race, starting from the new club house, round Channel Rock and Kowloon Rocks, finishing across a line between the Channel Rocks and the Hon. Mr. Henry Keswick's yacht Syren, anchored there for the purpose. Owing to several yachts being already laid up there were only four starters, Dione (Miss Iris May), concealing Alisa (Mrs. Sutherland), one minute, and Colleen (Mrs. H. E. Pollock) and Kathleen (Mrs. Watkins) 24 minutes.

A very large start was effected at 2.40 p.m. in a nice S.S.E. breeze, Dione being in the weather berth. Just after the start a sharp squall heeled the yachts' decks under and tested the capabilities of the fair helmswomen. All acquitted themselves well. Dione was first round the Channel Rocks with Alisa, sailing fast in the smart breeze, well up. After rounding Alisa forged ahead and Kathleen came up well. Dione, however, having the inside berth was first round the Kowloon Rocks, and very well sailed by her diminutive skipper, who has evidently been practicing diligently, soon established a nice lead. Still she would not have saved her time had not the wind fallen very light for her rivals near the Channel Rocks. Dione was first across the winning line, with plenty of time in hand. Alisa lost second place to Kathleen on time, and Colleen was fourth.

After the race skippers and crews repaired on board the Syren, when some small prizes were presented by the Commodore (the Hon. Mr. F. H. May), and tea was dispensed by Mrs. H. Keswick. The Syren with her huge spinnaker and top sails set made a fine show as she brought the party home later on, and a very enjoyable afternoon terminated all too soon.

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League Cricket.

CIVIL SERVICE V. POLICE.

This match was played on Saturday, on the Police ground, and ended in a win for Civil Service. The following are the scores:—

CIVIL SERVICE.		POLICE.	
R. Widdell, c. Edwards, b. Kent	11	R. Widdell, c. Edwards, b. Kent	11
P. A. Biden, c. G. b. Irvine	2	P. A. Biden, c. G. b. Irvine	2
H. Ellis, c. Ogg, b. Irvine	28	H. Ellis, c. Ogg, b. Irvine	28
R. O. Hutchinson, lb. b. Irvine	8	R. O. Hutchinson, lb. b. Irvine	8
Dr. Atkinson, b. Irvine	0	Dr. Atkinson, b. Irvine	0
C. E. Enderby, b. Irvine	0	C. E. Enderby, b. Irvine	0
H. T. Jackson, c. King, b. Irvine	0	H. T. Jackson, c. King, b. Irvine	0
A. Fife, b. Irvine	0	A. Fife, b. Irvine	0
L. Brett, b. King	0	L. Brett, b. King	0
McKay, c. King, b. Irvine	0	McKay, c. King, b. Irvine	0
P. R. Adams, c. Kent, b. Irvine	0	P. R. Adams, c. Kent, b. Irvine	0
McKay, not out	0	McKay, not out	0
Sundries	0	Sundries	0
Total	75	Total	75

BOWLING.

	O.	R.	M.	A.	B.
Irvine	10	18.3	4	24	8
Kent	10	12	2	28	1
King	10	6	2	21	1

POLICE.

	O.	R.	M.	A.	B.
Ogg, b. Hutchinson	10	18.3	4	24	8
Pitt, c. and b. Widdell	10	12	2	28	1
Kent, c. Biden, b. Hutchinson	10	6	2	21	1
Edwards, c. Jackson, b. Widdell	10	18.3	4	24	8
King, c. Biden, b. Hutchinson	10	12	2	28	1
Bell, b. Widdell	10	6	2	21	1
Irvine, at Adams, b. Hutchinson	10	18.3	4	24	8
McHardy, c. Ellis, b. Widdell	10	12	2	28	1
Langley, b. Widdell	10	6	2	21	1
McKay, not out	10	18.3	4	24	8
Sundries	10	12	2	28	1
Total	100	183	40	240	44

BOWLING.

	O.	R.	M.	A.	B.
Widdell	10	6.3	1	22	8
Hutchinson	10	6	1	20	4

INSTITUTION OF ENGINEERS AND SHIPBUILDERS.

Smoking Concert.

Under the auspices of the Institution of Engineers and Shipbuilders of Hongkong a smoking concert was held at the Institute on Saturday evening when there was a very large attendance. The programme was a comprehensive one, and included many of the popular items of the day. Mr. Williams gave "The Scout" in his well known excellent style, while in the second half of the programme his meritorious rendering of "The Veterans' Song" was very pleasing. Mr. Raybald contributed a couple of songs "The Storm Fiend" and "The Old Soldier," and earned the undisturbed approval of the audience. A comic song "Ho, item, by Sergeant Hutchison, for which he was cheered. His other song "So Am I" was also well received. An encore was demanded from Mr. Allen for "If those lips could only speak," and "Two Brown Eyes" by the same vocalist was much appreciated. "The Queen of Angels" was well delivered by Mr. C. C. Hill, as was also "The Admiral's Broom." Mr. Haskett won the approval of all present by his wonderful balancing feats, which were ably performed; and Mr. Carl Rozelle delighted the audience with some clever conjuring. Mr. Robertson presided and Mr. Adkins, R.A., acted as accompanist with pleasing effectiveness.

SCOTTISH LETTER.

(From Our Correspondent.)

EDINBURGH, March 7. Captain John Jarvis Gregory, a retired Naval officer, residing at Blackburn Lodge, Ayr, has shot his wife, and is at present in custody on a charge of attempted murder. For some time past, Captain Gregory has been in a precarious state of health, mentally and physically. It appears that one afternoon last week, Mrs. Gregory was seated at the tea-table with her son, an officer in the Army, who was on a visit to Ayr. Suddenly, Captain Gregory entered, clad in his pyjamas, and fired two shots at his wife from a double-barrelled gun. The son was on the opposite side of the table with his back to Captain Gregory, and was unable to interfere. Both shots took effect on Mrs. Gregory, one on the right shoulder and the other on the face. The wounded man had to be amputated, the right eye is destroyed, and there are grave injuries to the face.

The stringency with which the provisions of the Aliens' Act are now enforced, is a striking contrast to what prevailed a few years ago. It was then not uncommon to find aliens arriving in batches at Hamilton and Motherwell, and although the group might number ten, or even a score, not one of the poorly-shod foreigners could utter a single word of intelligible English. Generally, the leader of the party was fortified with an envelope setting forth, in none too clear calligraphy, the name and address of some compatriot who had previously made use of Lanarkshire's mining villages his home. Not infrequently, too, the chief of the batch had tied round his wrist an ordinary luggage label, on which was written his designation. At present, such aliens are refused admission, unless they have some elementary knowledge of the English language; but there is still room for improvement in the shipping regulations. The goal of the alien's ambition is to gain enough money in the Lanarkshire mines to secure his admission into Canada, or the States. As the result, the most saving and the best behaved soon cross the Atlantic, leaving the worst of the lot to demoralise whole villages and districts. It is a common thing, in an inquiry into a mine accident, or in the Police Courts, to hear a witness called "John Smith" or "Peter Ross," and then have his evidence taken through an interpreter.

This Week's "Commercial Intelligence."—The editor of the British Trade Journal is informed that since the British occupation of Egypt the natives have become immensely enamoured of the bagpipes, and there is a demand for the names of the makers of our national instrument. In view of the immense expenses of unhabited desert that remain in Egypt, the editor of the Trade Journal sees no reason why the demand should not be encouraged.

This Week's "Exam." Story.—The coming Rectorial election is having a baneful influence upon Glasgow University. Professor Glog has fallen under the spell. In the examination paper set by him to his Scots Law Class, the second question was:—"A student taking a prominent part in a Rectorial election is knocked down. Has he a claim for damages? If not, why not?"

This Week's Reminiscence.—When Lord Linlithgow was Governor of Victoria, he made an extensive tour on horseback through the north-west of the Colony. Only a few years before, that district had been swarming with rabbits, and on his return, at a meeting at Melbourne, he expressed his surprise at not having seen more than a dozen rabbits during the whole of his trip. At a later stage of the speech, he said that "As a Scotsman, I was much gratified to find at one of the halting places in that remote region a Highland piper waiting my arrival."

"Ah," interjected some one, "that accounts for the disappearance of the rabbits!"

COMMERCIAL.

It is believed that the Japanese tea crop this season will be the best for many years past.

Native report of sundries gives the following: The Hop Hing firm sold 1,000 bags of rice at \$4.03; the Yuen Fat Hong sold through 800 bags of white rice at \$4.40; 120 bags of beans were sold at \$4.40; 120 bags of vorticelli changed hands at \$17; Yunnan tea was quoted at \$2.20 at which price 30 bundles were sold through, 4 bales of almonds were sold at \$32. Opium remains at \$1050 and \$1011.5.

Advice from Fukien states that the mint there seems to be unable to pay up the loan from the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank for \$200,000. The amount available at present is stated to be no more than \$200,000 and the date of payment has been asked Peking to be allowed an appropriation of \$240,000 from the amount intended for Peking for the re-organisation of the army.

Rice market is steady. No buyers from Canton. The prohibition of export of rice from up-river countries helps to hinder business. Prices are stationary.

The day to day rate of interest with the Chinese money market is 18 cents per \$1000 per day on deposits while short call loans are charged at the rate of 16 to 18 cents, per \$1000 per day. Money is plentiful, but business is dull.

The last Chinese market report states that 50 bales of yarn No. 20 have been sold at \$116 per bale; 50 bales of No. 16 at \$102.50, and 100 bales of No. 10 at \$94.

The Chinese Ministry of Posts and Communications is reported to have decided to issue bonds for a domestic loan of \$10,000,000 to provide for the construction of the various railways under proposal and the reorganization of the Imperial Telegraphs. The bonds will be issued in Peking, Shanghai, Hankow and Canton in amounts of \$20, \$30, \$100, \$1,000 and \$10,000. The subscription price will be \$82 per \$100 bonds.

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Cargo impeding the discharge of the vessel will be landed at once at Consignees' risk and expense.

No Fire Insurance will be effected. All Cargo undelivered at Noon, TUESDAY, April 14th, 1908, will be subject to rent.

All chafed and otherwise damaged cargo will be examined at the above Company's Godown on SATURDAY, April 11th, at 10 a.m.

S. SILVERSTONE,
Agent.

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No claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all goods remaining undelivered after the 14th of April, will be subject to rent.

All Broken, Chafed, and Damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 14th of April, at 10 a.m.

All claims must reach us before the 18th of April, 1908, or they will not be recognized.

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AUSTRALIA AND AMERICA.

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The Admiralty also resents the presence of the fleet in Australian waters for obvious reasons. But the most serious and significant objection is that Australia by this action, reveals the feeling which undoubtedly exists in Australia, that the colony, resenting our alliance with Japan, is drawing closer to the United States.

This is a new factor in Eastern politics, which is giving grave concern to those responsible for our foreign and colonial relations. "Manchester Dispatch."

THE SINGING OF THE BIRDS.

A little girl went with her teacher on a picnic to visit the country prison. She became interested in a convict who was knitting stockings, and stopped to talk with the man.

"Do you find it dull here?" she said sympathetically.

"Indeed, I do, miss," he answered. "Still, said the child, 'the singing of the birds relieves the monotony, doesn't it?'"

"Singing of the birds?" said the convict, in a puzzled voice.

"Yes," replied the little girl. "What birds?" asked the man.

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Steak—Ngau Yek Pa ... 18

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Sausages—Ngau Chong ... 25

Bullock's Brain—Slow ... per set 10

Tongue fresh—Ngau Yi ... each 50

Comed—Ham Ngau Yi ... 55

Head—Ngau Tan ... 10

Heart—Ngau Sum ... 12

Hump—Sak—Ngau Kiu ... 18

Feet—Ngau Kerk ... each 8

Kidneys—Ngau Yiu ... 10

Tail—Ngau Mei ... 17

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Leg—Young Yek ... 22

Shoulder—Young Shao ... 20

Pigs' Chinkings—Chi chong ... 23

Brains—Chi Know ... per set 2

Feet—Chi Kerk ... 12

Fry—Chi Chak ... 15

Head—Chi Tan ... 18

Heart—Chi Sum ... each 7

Kidneys—Chi Yiu ... 8

Liver—Chi Cou ... 12

Pork Chop—Chi Fat Kwat ... 23

Comed—Ham Chai Yek ... 23

Leg—Chi Fat ... 23

Fat or Lard—Chi Yau ... 18

Sheep's Head and Feet—Young Fat Kerk set 50

Heart—Young Sum ... each 6

Kidneys—Young Yiu ... 10

Liver—Young Cou ... 12

Smoking Pigs To Order—Chi Chai ... 22

Snout, Beef—Sang Ngau Yau ... 20

Mutton—Sang Young Yau ... 24

Veal—Ngau Chai Yek ... 20

Sausages—Ngau Chai Chong ... 20

Poultry.

Chicken—Kai Chai ... 28

Ducks—Larg Small—Sin Kai ... 23

Ducks—Larg ... 25

Doves—Pan Kau ... each 15

Eggs, Hen—Hoi Tan ... per dozen 20

Fowls, Canton—Kai ... 30

Fowls, Canton—Hoi Nam Kai ... 27

Geese—Ngai ... 16

Geese, Wild—Shi Yek Ngai, pair ... 16

Musk Duck—Wong Keag ... each ...

Hens, Shanghai—Tin Chai ...

Partridges—Chi Kau ...

Pheasants—Shan Kai ... pair ...

Pigeons, Canton—Fak Kip ... each 30

Hollow—Hoi Hoi Pak Kap ... 25

Quail—Um Chai ... 22

Rice Birds—Wo Pa Cheuk ... dozen ...

Snipe—Sa Chai ... each 25

Turkeys, Cook—Phoi Kai Kung ... 60

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